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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

How would you like to be a possessor?

For once Maine did not go for election.

The yacht Vin had plenty of the stuff from which it was named.

Property is never so valueless as when we have to pay taxes on it.

According to the Northfield fair weather bulletin, we are due to have rain tomorrow. A Northfield fair without one rainy day is an unheard-of thing.

NORWICH UNIVERSITY PROGRESS.

Vermont's military college, Norwich university, is this year feeling the effects of a boom and now has the largest attendance since the institution was moved from the village of Norwich to Northfield. The wisdom of the change in location was questioned at that time, but present events are sustaining the decision. If the growth of the college has been small at Northfield, how much smaller would it have been in its former location, in close proximity to Dartmouth college? Norwich could scarcely have hoped to compete with the vigorous New Hampshire college. In fact, one higher institution of learning would have entirely pre-empted the field in the vicinity of the Connecticut river. Two would have found it barren picking for students, if the home field was to be depended upon as a feeder. So the action of the smaller college in folding its tents and stealing away to a less crowded field of operation was justified. As it is, Vermont finds itself more or less cramped with three colleges, one at Northfield, another at Middlebury and the third at Burlington. Norwich university, however, draws a large proportion of its students from other states. The institution has an honorable record, and with a number of new buildings within a year or so, bids fair to continue its period of great usefulness.

GOMPERS' FIGHT AGAINST LITTLEFIELD.

In view of the generally reduced pluralities of Republicans in the Maine election of Monday, the effect of Samuel Gompers' attack on Congressman Littlefield will be partially eclipsed. But it is nevertheless apparent that Littlefield was hurt by the campaign against him by the labor leader. His plurality of 5,556 two years ago was scaled down to about one-fifth that mark, while the other three congressmen from that state secured pluralities ranging from one-fourth to one-half of their pluralities of two years ago. This can be taken to mean that Littlefield lost support through the intervention of Gompers, since Littlefield is of himself the strongest of the quartette of congressmen from Maine and would naturally have done as well as his colleagues.

This attack on Littlefield, which came so near being successful is a part of an effort on the part of Gompers to defeat at the polls such members of Congress as may be considered unfair to labor interests. It finds its origin in an alleged slight of labor interests by some of the leading members of the lower body of the national assembly. The basis for the grievance lies along the lines of the following: The workings of the eight-hour law, convict labor, immi-



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gation and Chinese exclusion; seamen's rights, especially under the new measure called a ship subsidy bill; the invasion of labor men's interest by trusts and interstate commerce and the denial of the right of appeal to government employees. Feeling that union men had been slighted in these matters, Gompers organized the campaign, the first battle of which was fought in Maine on Monday. Congressman Littlefield came in for criticism and attack on two grounds, his position in favor of the ship subsidy bill and his opposition to the so-called Pearce anti-injunction bill. Gompers claims that the subsidy bill makes an insidious attack on the rights of laboring men in that private concerns have the power to force seamen to become members of the naval reserve against their will, through fear of losing position. Littlefield's opposition to the anti-injunction measure is perhaps the most direct agency which led to the attempt to defeat him at the polls. Briefly stated, these are the moving influences which sent Gompers and other labor leaders into Maine during the past few weeks. It is likely that the effort will not be abandoned at this time, but that the forces in opposition will again be rallied at the next election. As to the general result of the election in Maine, the immense Democratic gains seem to be due to nothing else than the Republican policy of adherence to the prohibition law. The Republicans of Maine will sooner or later follow the example of the Republicans of Vermont in this matter.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Churchill's Shadow Increases.

As the campaign for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in New Hampshire progresses Winston Churchill's

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shadow grows larger instead of decreasing. His candidacy has been regarded in some quarters as a joke; he has been thought of as a "literary feller" whose invasion of politics was equally impracticable and inconsequential; but so vehemently and persistently has he charged certain evils home upon some of the State officials, so meagre has been his denunciation of the harmful influence of the Boston & Maine Railroad at the State Capitol, that the leaders of the other Republican factions have been forced to sit up and take notice. It is improbable that he will win the governorship nomination, but it is reported that, whereas a little while ago he considered his cause a hopeless one for this year and was bending his energies chiefly toward a good start for 1908, he now thinks that there is a possibility of his immediate success. Whether this is a bit of far-fetched political discernment or merely a rosy-tinted dream remains to be seen.

The Greenback adherents say that their candidate has as many delegates as the other four candidates together. The Pillsbury advocates are slightly more modest, but still they affirm that their favorite is far in the van. Mr. Churchill seems to stand third or fourth in the list, and it is possible that if the leading candidates are so evenly matched on the first ballot as to prevent a nomination then and there a deadlock will ensue from which he will ultimately benefit.

The novelist-candidate has the regular Rooseveltian manner when he speaks. His bump of humor is not conspicuously developed, as may be seen from his humorously constructed books. He makes up for this deficiency, however, as his stories indicate, by a large capacity for hard and long-continued work. Whatever he does he does earnestly. He takes himself with entire, not to say extreme, seriousness, and he obviously believes what he says when he declares from the stump that the Boston & Maine Railroad is unduly taxed in New Hampshire. His campaign is picturesque and well befitting the State, even if some of his charges are shown to be unfounded; for there must be dry rot and graft in New Hampshire, as there is also in Vermont, despite the failure of the Green Mountain voters to endorse Mr. Clement's charges to that effect. Worse things could happen to the Granite Commonwealth than the nomination and election of this eager and vigorous young man, who is drawing larger and larger audiences as the canvass proceeds, and who astonished the natives by carrying Senator Gallinger's home ward in Concord.—Providence Journal.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

FIDDLES OF THE FALL.

Blaze on, Mister Sunshine—
Search this rollicking ball!
We soon shall hear the music
Of the fiddles of the fall.

The harvest bells are ringing!
Of joy and peace to all,
An' we hear the roopers singing!
Of the fiddles of the fall!

An' brightest eyes, they glance there,
An' sweetest voices call!
Hands 'round—we'll have a dance these
To the fiddles of the fall!

Popular Mary.
Mary had a little trunk,
When playing bridge, you know,
And if her partner played an ace
The trump was sure to go.
—New York Times.

He Enjoyed It.
Meeker—Did your wife enjoy her two weeks' sojourn in the country?
Enueck—I don't know, but you bet I did.—Chicago News.

Wise.
He always told his friends 'twas best
To save up for tomorrow.
But he was wise—the more they saved
The more he'd have to borrow.
—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Misunderstood.
Charley Littlewhite—Are you fond of puppies, Miss Tundem?
Miss Tundem—This is so sudden!—
Outlook.

Wasted Endeavor.
The waves keep breaking on the shore
With resonant and rhythmic stroke.
They still break on with ruthless roar,
Though all of us long since were broke.
—Washington Star.

It Must Have Got Up Late.
Howell—I saw the sun rising when I was getting up this morning.
Powell—What delayed it?—Puck.

Never Got It.
If it's been found the earth goes round,
As scientists declare,
I wish I knew what happened to
My small pro rata share.
—Boston Transcript.

A Scarce Article.
Jones—My wife is a good cook.
Smith—Would you part with her?—
Pick-Me-Up.

There's the Trouble.
"There's plenty of room at the top,"
The quitters of adage preach,
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—Philadelphia Press.

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Cuba's President

Interesting Career of Tomas Estrada Palma, Who Is Fighting an Insurrection—A Veteran of the Ten Years' War.



GENERAL NUNEZ.

THE character of President T. Estrada Palma of Cuba has been under the limelight since the outbreak of the insurrection in the Antilles. When Senor Palma assumed the reins of government on the evacuation of the island by the American forces in 1902 he took upon himself a task of exceptional difficulty. It was the first time the Cubans had had the opportunity of making an experiment as to their capacity for self government. They had been under the oppression of Spain up to the time of American intervention and except during the brief period of the American occupation had enjoyed little tutelage in the duties of administering the affairs of government. Under these circumstances Senor Palma took the helm of the ship of state. He succeeded for four years in steering it away from the rocks of insurrection. During this period of peace, stable government and civic order prosperity came to the island in a degree never known before.

The friends and admirers of President Palma claim that a large part of the credit for all this belongs to the quiet, scholarly man who holds the chief executive office of the republic. President Palma is considered to have shown his firmness in his recent refusal to compromise with enemies of the government and his disposition to mercy by his offer of amnesty to all insurgents who would lay down their arms. In this proclamation he declared:

Poor I returned to my country as president and poor shall I return to private life. I shall, however, have a clear record and a good name. I am disposed to exhaust my forces and shed my blood if necessary in helping to strengthen the foundations of our prosperous republic.

President Palma was seventy-one years of age on the 9th of last July.



PRESIDENT T. ESTRADA PALMA.

but is still in good mental and physical strength. His left eye droops a little, as twenty-five years ago it was nipped by a bullet which plowed a furrow in his skull. He carries another memento of the Spaniards on his strong but kindly face—a bare spot on his upper lip, which divides his mustache. The bullet that made the bare spot carried away some of his teeth. He was one of the foremost leaders during the long drawn out Ten Years' war from 1895 to 1898. During part of this time he was president of Cuba under the provisional government established by the patriots. The only difference this dignity made to him was that it caused the Spaniards to be more anxious to capture him. This they succeeded in doing in 1897, and he was for a time imprisoned in Havana and in Spain. On his release he came to the United States and for some years conducted a school in central New York for Cuban and South American boys. President Palma has been criticized by some for not ruling with a stronger hand and maintaining a larger military force for the support of the Cuban government. When he was about to assume the presidency Senor Palma said:

There will be no high state in the executive house at Havana. Even if I wished to surround myself with bodyguards and a regal following, the country is too poor to support any such useless ornamentation. I shall set the example of economy by managing the affairs of the island with the very least assistance possible.

General Emilio Nunez, who narrowly escaped assassination recently, is governor of Havana province and was a bosom friend of the late General Maximo Gomez. He was a Liberal, but withdrew from the convention of the latter party when a president was elected four years ago, and the following with which he has been identified, calling themselves Liberal Nationalists, have been allies of the Moderates. He was eighteen years old when he took the field in the cause of free Cuba at the beginning of the Ten Years' war, and he was prominent as a filibuster during the revolution which began in 1895.

MRS. CLEVELAND'S FEAT.

Former Mistress of White House as a Mountain Climber.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland recently distinguished herself by making the ascent of Mount Washington, in New Hampshire, the party of which she formed a member taking the rough nine mile tramp over the Crawford



MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND.

bridge path instead of the inclined railway by which one may ride to the summit. The wife of the only living ex-president of the United States is still a handsome woman, as the accompanying engraving from a recent photograph shows. She and her family have spent the past few months at their summer home in Sandwich, N. H.

MAN SHOT BY A WOODCHUCK

Hunter Says Animal He Was Trying to Drown Pulled Trigger of His Rifle.

George Adams of Waterbury lies fatally wounded at the home of Clifford Barnum in Middlebury, Conn. Adams was shot by a woodchuck. He went to Middlebury recently on business. One night, with two farm hands and his wife, he went in pursuit of a woodchuck which was in a burrow in a lot a quarter of a mile from the Barnum home. The men poured bucket after bucket of water into the woodchuck hole and soon had the animal gasping to keep his head above water at the mouth of the hole. Adams tried to push the woodchuck under the water with the butt of his rifle. As he did so the woodchuck, Adams says, seized the rifle trigger with its claws, discharging it. The bullet entered Adams' stomach, passed through his body and lodged in his side. Surgeons have failed to locate it. The woodchuck escaped in the excitement following the shooting.

Grasshoppers Break Up Dinner Party.

A dozen smartly gowned women and as many men in evening dress were thrown into a ludicrous panic when Gregory Williams, fourteen years old, son of Mrs. Gregory Williams of Brooklyn, let loose 400 grasshoppers at a dinner party which his mother was giving at her summer home in Oxford, Me. Women grabbed frantically at their hair, in which the insects lodged, clutching the air to ward off the insects, and knocked dishes, vases and expensive ornaments to the floor in their wild flight around the dining room. Two of the women fainted, and the party was broken up.

A Flery Lay.

He sang the while he easily played
His mandolin with skill and art,
"Oh, peerless maid, oh, matchless maid,
Full thrillingly you fire my heart!"

She was a shrewish maid, in truth,
For tart she spoke and cross as sin,
"If you cease not your lay, good youth,
I'll fire your peaky mandolin!"

—Harriet Whitney Durbin in Woman's Home Companion.

Shaky.

Stubb—So the Grumbler's disagreed
And sold most of their household wares?
Tenn—Yes. About the only thing
Left in the house these days are family jars.—Chicago News.

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